seriously injured in Ahmedabad on May 29,2002, between 10 and 10.15 a.m. and whether 2 more unexploded bombs were recovered on other buses in Kalupur and Ghuma areas the same day;

(b) if so, what is the result of the investigations about the perpetrators of the serial blasts and planting of bombs in buses;

(c) whether any international gang was found active behind the serial blasts, if so, details in this regard; and

(d) the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) On 29-5-2002 between 1000 to 1020 Hrs. three bombs burst in three Ahmedabad Municipal Transport Service (AMTS) buses causing injuries to 12 persons. One bomb was recovered at 10.17 Hrs. from the A.MT.S. bus at village Manipur and one bomb was recovered from another A.M.T.S. bus between 10.50 to 11.12 Hrs. at Calico Mill, Ahmedabad.

(b) to (d) Preliminary investigations have not revealed involvemen* of any international gang behind the serial bursts was received. A Task Force under the Police Commissioner, Ahmedabad has been set up by the Gujarat Government and the investigation of these bomb blast cases has been entrusted to it. Details, if any, about involvement of the individuals/ organizations will be known only after receipt of the findings of the Task Force.

Restoration of Normalcy in Gujarat

118. DR. ALLADIP RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether normalcy has been restored in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided by the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) the number of people still in relief camps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Barring some sporadic incidents, normalcy has been restored in Gujarat.

(b) The Union Government assists the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in a variety of ways like sharing of intelligence, sending alert messages, sending Central Para-Military Forces to the concerned State

Governments on specific request including the Composite Rapid Action Force which has been created specially to deal with communal situation and providing assistance in the modernization of the State Police Forces. In addition, the Union Government sends advisories and guidelines in this regard from time to time. Detailed guidelines to promote communal harmony in the country have been issued to all the States/Union Territories.

(c) As on 1-7-2002 there were 13179 inmates in 10 Relief Camps in the State.

Negotiations with Naga Insurgent Groups

119. DR MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in negotiations with Naga insurgent groups;

(b) whether there is any proposal to shift the centre of negotiations of India; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) The Government of India entered into cease-fire agreement with NSCN(IM) initially for a period of 3 months only with effect from 1 st August, 1997. It has now been operative for the last five years and has brought about a degree of peace in Nagaland and in the adjoining areas. A number of Peace Rallies in Nagaland have shown that the people are in favour of Peace-talks. The Talks have helped both parties in understanding and appreciating each other's point of view. Further Talks are on for a negotiated settlement.

(b) and (c) During the visit of Prime Minister to Japan in December, 2001 when the NSCN(IM) leaders called on him, it was suggested to them that further talks should be held in India. They responded positively.

Rehabilitation of displaced persons from J and K

120. SHRILAJPATRAI:

SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: